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SUBJECT: KREISKY'S VISIT TO NORWAY

REF: VIENNA 3880

1. SUMMARY: CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S CHEF DE CABINET ALFRED REITER, WHO ACCOMPANIED CHANCELLOR ON MAY 2-5 VISIT TO OSLO, TOLD US THAT THEIR RECEPTION WAS MOST CORDIAL, DISCUSSIONS WERE OF ROUTINE NATURE TOUCHING ON CSCE, BILATERAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, NORWEGIAN-SOVIET BORDER SETTLEMENTS AND DIFFICULTIES FACING MINORITY GOVERNMENTS. VISIT AFFIRMED GOOD RELATIONS, UNENCUMBERED BY BILATERAL PROBLEMS. END SUMMARY:

2. ON CSCE, BRATTELI AND KREISKY AGREED THAT PROGRESS WAS SLOW AND PARTICIPANTS SHOULD NOT SET THEIR HOPES TOO HIGH ON LIBERALIZATION MEASURES ACCEPTABLE TO EASTERN PARTICIPANTS. KREISKY REITERATED HIS LONG-HELD VIEW THAT CSCE
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DELIBERATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE CONSIDERATIONS

OF MIDDLE EAST RELATIONSHIP TO EUROPE.

3. AUSTRIANS WERE IMPRESSED WITH NORWEGIAN SUCCESS IN OIL EXPLORATION AND PROJECTED INCREASES IN PRODUCTION. WHILE THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ARRANGMENT BETWEEN AUSTRIA'S OEMV AND NORWAY'S NORSK HYDRO, FOR TIME BEING AUSTRIA WILL RELY ON ITS TRADITIONAL MIDDLE EAST OIL SUPPLIERS.

4. BRATTELI MENTIONED CONCERN OVER DIFFICULTY IN RESETTLING PEOPLE ON LONG SOVIET-NORWEGIAN BORDER WHERE USSR HAS MANAGED TO POPULATE ITS SIDE FAR BETTER. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, BRATTELI'S RECENT VISIT TO USSR DID NOT COME UP IN DISCUSSIONS ALTHOUGH KREISKY IS SCHEDULED TO GO TO MOSCOW BEFORE END OF MAY.

5. DURING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MINORITY GOVERNMENTS (WHICH KREISKY ALSO EXPERIENCED IN 1970-71), BRATTELI BEMOANED THE PROBLEMS FACING HIS ADMINISTRATION AND ALLUDED TO POSSIBILITY OF NEW ELECTIONS IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. HUMES

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